

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner



DATE:

July 30, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

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Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Tiffany Food Corp Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Unclassified Recall; Chi Ling Gourmet Foods Hot Olive due to the presence of undeclared

sulfites; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled "Chi Ling Gourmet Foods Hot Olive" is packaged in an uncoded 200 gram, clear plastic bag and were distributed nationwide. It is a product of Taiwan. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

CONSUMER ALERT

Undeclared Sulfites in "Chi Ling Gourmet Foods Hot Olive"

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- July 30, 2009 -- New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker today alerted consumers that Tiffany Food Corp., located at 1182 Flushing Ave., Brooklyn, New York is recalling "Chi Ling Gourmet Foods Hot Olive" due to the presence of undeclared sulfites. People who have severe sensitivity to sulfites may run the risk of serious or life-threatening reactions if they consume this product.

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Routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the product contained high levels of sulfites which were not declared on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics. Anaphylactic shock could occur in certain sulfite sensitive individuals upon ingesting 10 milligrams or more of sulfites.

No illnesses have been reported to date to this Department in connection with this product. Consumers who have purchased "Chi Ling Gourmet Foods Hot Olive" should contact Vivian Chen of Tiffany Food Corp at (718) 326-2667.

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Photos: Product Labels